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Letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the unfortunate incidents which occurred in Kisangani on 5 May 2000. I am further instructed to refer to the presidential statement (S/PRST/2000/15) in which the President of the Security Council expressed concern at the renewed incidents between Ugandan and Rwandan forces in Kisangani.

I should be grateful if the present letter, together with its annex, could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Prof. **Semakula Kiwanuka**
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Annex to the letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

At 0405 hours (Kisangani time) on 5 May 2000 Rwanda PA (RPA) units deployed in Kisangani fired at Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) which were withdrawing from Simi Simi airport.

UPDF was withdrawing because the dominant RPA forces had started to surround them without any form of provocation. RPA fired at UPDF and blocked it from joining the main forces at Kapalata.

RPA also deployed more troops in Kisangani City without informing UPDF, which action is inconsistent with the Mweya Agreement. RPA is still reinforcing its positions from Lubutu. UPDF is maintaining a defensive posture, and all efforts are being made to resolve the problem.

It is also important to mention that for the past seven days the Ugandan Army Commander Maj. Gen. Jeje Odongo tried to get in contact with his Rwandese counterpart without success.

Uganda also sent an envoy, Brig. Kashaka, to Kigali a few days prior to the incidents to reassure RPA of Uganda's commitment to peace and stability in the region.

As usual Uganda is employing all diplomatic, political and military contacts to resolve the problem.

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Letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 9 February and 12 April 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 9 February-12 April 2000

1. *9 February 2000*

At 1500 hours Iranian elements abducted the Iraqi shepherd Farhud Zaydan Shabbat al-Nidawi (a resident of Ismah in the Mandali district) near Iraq's Asimah post. He was released on the following day.

2. *11 March 2000*

At 1300 hours, while Muhammad Musa Ahmad Allah was tending his flock in the Badrah district border zone, a group of some six persons set upon him and bound his arms and blindfolded him before dragging him into Iranian territory and taking him to Mehran city.

3. *14 March* 2000

At 0700 hours the Iranians pitched two large marquees and nine small tents decorated with ornamental flags near the memorial opposite Faw city.

4. *14 March 2000*

At 0430 hours the Iranians fired a number of rounds at the floating crane *Sanam*, which operates in the Sayhan area, and damaged it.

5. *16 March 2000*

At 1400 hours the Iranians erected a small tent opposite Faw at coordinates 351229 (1:100,000 map of Faw). It was occupied by four persons armed with GC assault rifles.

6. *17 March 2000*

At 1500 hours the Iranians opened fire on two Iraqis in an area near the Uqbah ibn Nafi` post opposite Iran's Jayy Hammam post while they were retrieving the pipes laid in the wadis. They were Abd Muhsin Zardaw and Ali Suhayl Najm. The former was killed, and the latter was abducted and taken inside Iranian territory.

7. *18 March 2000*

Between 2100 and 2130 hours three 107-mm rockets impacted to the south of Baghdad. Three rocket launchers, a battery, two timers and connecting wires were found at the location from which they were fired.

8. *22 March 2000*

At 1310 hours a black remotely piloted aircraft was seen and heard flying at an altitude of 2 to 3 kilometres towards Kut in the Maymunah area. At 1322 hours it was seen in the Majarr area flying at an altitude of some 7 kilometres.

9. *23 March 2000*

At 1830 hours two Iranian soldiers at the position opposite the Irfan post at coordinates 9964 fired three rounds from GC assault rifles at the Iraqi post.

10. *23 March 2000*

At 0700 hours a large ZIL truck carrying 20 soldiers was seen coming to a halt in the area opposite the Tahrir post. Two 180-pound tents were pitched at coordinates 5840 and 5841. The truck then returned to Iran's Tawus post at coordinates 5939.

11. *24 March 2000*

At 1730 hours a remotely piloted aircraft overflew the residential area 7 kilometres south of the Azz river at an altitude of 100 metres. The aircraft, which closely resembled the Israeli Mastiff type, was brought down.

12. *28 March 2000*

At 0900 hours an aircraft coming from the Iranian rear landed at the Shalamjah post at coordinates 9177. At 1230 hours it took off and headed back inside Iranian territory.

13. *28 March 2000*

At 2230 hours a mortar round fired for illumination purposes was seen opposite our units at coordinates 8068.

14. *28 March 2000*

At 2215 hours the Iranians launched a mortar round for illumination purposes at a point opposite our units at coordinates 7068.

15. *29 March 2000*

At 1200 hours three policemen from the Naft Khanah police station proceeding from position 136 to position 37 at coordinates 4569 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin) were ambushed when they lost their way and wandered 1 kilometre into Iranian territory. This caused the loss of Private Abbas Jasim Jawdah. The others, namely Private Samir Umran Sa`dun and Private Wadi Kazim, returned. All three belonged to the oil-protection police force.

16. *30 March 2000*

At 2025 hours one yellow illumination round was observed inside Iraqi territory opposite our units at coordinates 672597 (Wadi Ahwiyah).

17. *7 April 2000*

At 1200 hours the Iranians brought out the body of the late policeman Private Abbas Jasim Jawdah and placed it near the international boundary in an area near that in which the incident had taken place. Signal flags were shown, and the body was evacuated by personnel from the Naft Khanah police station. It transpired that Private Jawdah had been hit in the abdomen and chest by several rounds.

18. *8 April 2000*

At 1120 hours an Iranian helicopter coming from Muhammarah flew opposite our units at coordinates 9074 before withdrawing to the Iranian rear.

19. *8 April 2000*

A new Iranian position was established opposite our units at coordinates 585420, and it was manned by four persons armed with GC assault rifles.

20. *8 April 2000*

At 1230 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen heading from north to south along the border strip at an altitude of 50 metres and at a distance of 300 metres from the international embankment. It reconnoitred the sector opposite our units at coordinates 9078 before returning to the Iranian rear.

21. *9 April 2000*

At 1300 hours the Iranians established a new position at coordinates 585405 and manned it with four persons armed with GC assault rifles.

22. *10 April 2000*

At 0945 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen reconnoitring along the boundary line opposite our units in the Shalamjah area and heading from north to south at a distance of 400 metres from the line and at an altitude of 100 metres. It returned to the Iranian rear by way of Muhammarah.

23. *10 April 2000*

At 0600 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen heading from the Iranian rear towards the Shayb post at an altitude of 30 metres. It reached a point near the international boundary and then circled back inside Iranian territory in the direction of Basitin.

24. *10 April 2000*

At 1000 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear at an altitude of 30 metres. It landed at coordinates 5150, near the metal tower at Fakkah. Four persons, three soldiers and a civilian wearing a turban, alighted. At 1300 hours it took off for the Iranian rear.

25. *11 April 2000*

At 1000 hours a helicopter was seen opposite our units at coordinates 7158 (Wadi al-Shahabi).

26. *11 April 2000*

At 0750 hours a helicopter was seen in front of our units at coordinates 6760, opposite Abu Gharb at coordinates 6759 and Wadi Khawsiyah, flying along the international boundary. At 0805 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

27. *11 April 2000*

At 2130 hours a yellow illumination flare was seen 4 kilometres south of Mina al-Bakr. It remained aloft for a period of three seconds.

28. *12 April 2000*

At 0300 hours a helicopter was seen at high altitude 10 kilometres south of Mina al-Bakr.

29. *12 April 2000*

At 1200 hours the Iranians established a new position opposite our units at coordinates 587539 and manned it with 10 persons, some of them in khaki uniforms and armed with GC assault rifles.

30. *12 April 2000*

At 1800 hours the Iranians established a new position opposite our units at coordinates 5850 and manned it with some five to seven persons armed with light weapons.